
In the Capitol Rotunda where John F. Kennedy's body lay in state 25 years ago, about 500 former Peace Corps volunteers began a 24-hour vigil celebrating the life of the President who harnessed their youthful idealism to serve the needy of the world. "We are here to rejoice in a life well-lived and not to mourn a life that has passed away," said Katy Hansen of Orange City, Iowa, who is president of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. The vigil was scheduled to end at noon today, the 25th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, with remarks by Sen. Christopher J. Dodd (D-Conn.), a former Peace Corps volunteer, and commentator Bill Moyers, former deputy director of the Peace Corps. A commemorative service will be held afterward at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral.